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The Progressive Village

Village Newsletter

February 2005

Street Division Keep Westmont Streets Safe



During the recent heavy snowfalls in the past month, the Westmont Street Division rose to the challenge of clearing the snow and providing safe passage through the community. In

general, the Village receives very positive reviews regarding our snow plowing efforts, especially when compared to other communities in the area.

"I attended a homeowner's association meeting," says Mayor Bill Rahn, "and (the residents) had various questions regarding Village services. At the meeting, a man stated that the Village of Westmont's snowplowing is excellent and has been for a very long time. Westmont has a reputation for having the best plowed streets throughout the area. We're all very grateful to the excellent crew we have at our Street Division."

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Liveable Communities Award Presented at EIC

Last year, the Village of Westmont earned a Silver Award at the International Awards for Most Liveable Communities, formerly known as Nations in Bloom. The international awards program, which is supported by the United Nations, focuses on environmental practices in the community.

A delegation of Westmont representatives traveled to Niagara Falls, Ontario (pictured with the Mayor of Niagara at right) to compete in the awards program.



"I think having the Village participate and receive an award the very first time in this event is an honor and tells us that we're moving in the right direction," says Mayor Bill Rahn. "Westmont is a well-rounded community."

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www.westmont.il.gov**

We appreciate your
feedback. Please forward
your newsletter suggestions
to Larry McIntyre
at 417-0280.

Website Features Community Calendar

Beginning this month, the Village of Westmont has launched a new Community Calendar on the municipal website, www.westmont.il.gov.

The new on-line calendar should provide great benefit to residents who like to search the web for community information.

The calendar can be found on the right side of the Village's website home page. First, there is a **Government Calendar** displayed that features information regarding all Village of Westmont meetings and services. Just below is a link titled **Community Calendar**. A click on this button will take you to a comprehensive calendar for community events, meetings of local taxing institutions, and more. **Also, printed copies of the Village Calendar are available at the Village Hall, 31 W. Quincy.**

For more info, contact Larry McIntyre at 417-0280.

Citizen of the Year Applications Due Feb. 25

Each year, the Promote Westmont Commission accepts nominations for the annual Citizen of the Year Award. The Citizen of the Year program honors a resident who displayed extraordinary volunteer service during the past year. Applications are now available in the Economic Development Department office at Westmont Centre, One South Cass Avenue. The Citizen of the Year Award will be announced at the annual Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet on March 16. For more information, stop by the EDD office or contact Carrie Rymek at 512-8570. Applications are due Feb. 25.

Communications Commission to Host Candidates Forum

For the past decade, the Village of Westmont Communications Commission will host a candidates forum for persons running in the local election this spring. This year's forum will be held on Wednesday, March 23, 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall. All candidates running for Mayor, Clerk, Village Board, Library Board and Park Board will be invited to attend. The forum is open to the public and will air live on cable channel 16 as well as be recorded for playback. Residents will be given several opportunities to submit questions that will be presented to the various candidates. Look for more information regarding the candidates forum in the local newspaper during the month of March.

(LIVEABLE COMMUNITIES continued from cover)

The LivCom program is the world's only international awards competition focusing on best practice for local environmental management. Communities from over 50 countries have participated in this prestigious program.

Upon having Westmont's application accepted for the competitive awards program, the Village created an innovative 35-minute presentation highlighting various aspects of the community. A live performance of this presentation was recorded at the January Environmental Improvement Commission meeting. The presenters included Village Landscape Architect Bob Fleck, Economic Development Director Fred Kimble, and Village Executive Administrative Aide Cathy Casey (substituting for Trustee Sue Senicka). **The Village invites the public to watch the program and witness all the great things happening in Westmont. The program airs daily on cable ch. 16 at 6 p.m. throughout the month of February.**

Westmont Continues Successful Economic Development Strategies in Downtown

Within the last year, the Village of Westmont has experienced great success in our downtown area. New restaurants such as Amber American Bar and Grill, and The Westmont Brat House have added to our economic base and serve as a draw for pedestrian traffic. Approval of two additional new restaurants has recently been granted by the Village Board. An upscale breakfast and lunch restaurant on West Quincy is planned for construction in the spring and the Onion Grill will soon be opening at 15 S. Cass in the former Brown's Chicken location.



Our economic development strategy to increase the residential density near public transit facilities has also benefited with the recently

completed mixed use development at 210 N. Cass. Four retail/commercial stores at ground level, and 12 residential condos on the upper floors will accommodate more patrons for all retail businesses in the downtown.

A similar mixed use development project is now well under way at 28 S. Cass with the Richmond Station project. Eight retail/commercial slots and 24 residential condos should be completed during calendar year 2005.

A new 20 unit townhome development for 134 and 210 W. Quincy Street has received preliminary approvals from the Village and should commence construction in early Spring.

New retail operations include 30 North Antiques at 30 N. Cass, Alle Kinder Children's Clothing and Toys at 21 N. Cass, and Big Bloomers Gift and Floral Shop at 41 N. Cass are all welcome additions. The relocation of MBC Fitness to remodeled quarters at 26-28 N. Cass has also improved the look of our central business district.

The Village is excited about this recent growth in our community and encourages our residents to visit our downtown to support these new businesses.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH SPOTLIGHT

Tuskegee Airmen Colonel Visits Westmont

Westmont artist Jacqueline Withers recently invited Tuskegee Airmen Colonel Donald Thomas, Jr. to the community in honor of Black History Month. The Colonel visited local schools to talk with children about his experiences as a pilot during World War II. Col. Thomas also made an impromptu visit to the Village Hall to meet with employees and view Withers' mural honoring all people who serve our country.



The Tuskegee Airmen were African-American pilots who trained at an all-black aviation training base in Tuskegee, Alabama during WWII. The Tuskegee Airmen were highly regarded for their skill, performed numerous successful missions, and earned many accommodations for their heroic service. However, fighting the enemy abroad was not their only battle. The African-American pilots endured much racial discrimination from the public and their fellow servicemen. The frustration of the young men climaxed at Freeman Field in Indiana when 103 African-American pilots forcibly entered the all-white Officers Club. According to military code, the Tuskegee pilots had every right to enter the club, but all 103 of the pilots were arrested. Charges were later dropped, but the event made national headlines and drew attention to the discrimination incurred by these young men who simply wanted to serve their country.



The Village of Westmont was honored to have Col. Thomas as a guest in our community. For more information about the Tuskegee Airmen, visit the website tuskegeearmen.org.

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Village Parking Ordinances

The Westmont Police Department would like to remind residents of the following parking-related ordinances.

OVERNIGHT PARKING

No person shall park a vehicle on any street for a period of time longer than 15 minutes between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. of any day, except physicians on emergency calls.

Residents may request permission to park on the street overnight due to extenuating circumstances. Residents will be limited to seven such requests for permission in a six month period. Six month periods run January through June, and July through December. The Police Department may authorize overnight parking to residents who exceed their six month limit on a case by case basis, except during snowfall in which on street parking is prohibited, or as prohibited by authority of the Police Department on-duty Shift Commander.

PARKING DURING SNOW REMOVAL

It shall be unlawful for any person to park any vehicle on any street at any time after any accumulation of snow attains a depth of two inches or more, and for a period of eight hours after the snow stops falling, and for such additional time after such eight-hour period as any snow removal operation is in process.

For more information regarding Village parking ordinances, please contact the Police Department at 968-2151.



Winter Driving Tips

Here are some tips to help you drive safely as the weather turns cold and nasty...

- Ø Pay attention. Don't try to out-drive the conditions.
- Ø Drive with your headlights on and clear of ice and snow.
- Ø Keep windows clear of snow.
- Ø Remember the posted speed limits are for dry pavement.
- Ø Leave plenty of room for stopping.
- Ø Leave extra room for maintenance vehicles and plows – stay back at least 200 feet and don't pass on the right.
- Ø Know the current road conditions.
- Ø Watch for slippery bridge decks, even when the rest of the pavement is in good condition. Bridge decks will ice up sooner than the adjacent pavement.
- Ø Don't use your cruise control in wintry conditions. Even roads that appear clear can have sudden slippery spots and the short touch of your brakes to deactivate the cruise control feature can cause you to lose control of your vehicle.
- Ø Don't get overconfident in 4x4 vehicles. Four-wheel drive vehicles may help you get going quicker than other vehicles but it won't help you stop any faster. Many 4x4 vehicles are heavier than passenger vehicles and actually may take longer to stop.
- Ø Use brakes carefully. Brake early. Don't stomp on the brakes. It takes more time to stop in adverse conditions.
- Ø If your car is equipped with anti-lock brakes, do not pump brakes in attempting to stop. The right way is to "stomp and steer". To make antilock brakes work correctly, or work at all, you should apply constant, firm pressure to the pedal. During an emergency stop, push the brake pedal all the way to the floor, if necessary, even in wet or icy conditions.
- Ø Look farther ahead in traffic than you normally do. Actions by cars and trucks will alert you quicker to problems and gives you that split-second extra time to safely react.
- Ø Remember that trucks are heavier than cars. Trucks take longer to safely respond and come to a complete stop, so avoid cutting quickly in front of them.
- Ø Know what to do if you skid on ice or get stuck in snow. Counter steer to regain control in a skid. Steer the car in the same direction that the rear wheels are sliding. If the rear wheels slide to the right, turn the front wheels right and vice versa. Do not spin your wheels when stuck on ice or in snow. Instead, remove snow from the area around the tire, if necessary, and spread sand or salt under the drive wheel to regain traction.
- Ø Allow extra time and Go slow! Drive according to conditions!

Tornado Sirens & 9-1-1 Calls

The Westmont Police and Fire Departments want to remind residents the proper response to Tornado Sirens.

If the siren is sounding, do not call the Police and/or Fire Departments to inquire the reason. Your inquiry may delay an incoming emergency call.

If the siren is sounding, take appropriate shelter. Keep tuned to local television and radio stations for additional information.

Please be aware that sirens are tested on the first Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. per guidelines that have been established by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency.

Emergency Calls

Some residents are unfamiliar with the Police and Fire Department's non-emergency numbers and dial 9-1-1 for general information. This behavior puts other people who have real emergencies at risk.

9-1-1 is to be utilized for EMERGENCY calls only.

Situations that do not involve a threat to property or public safety do not constitute an emergency. If you call 9-1-1 with a non-emergency call, the dispatcher will instruct you to call back on the non-emergency number. For non-emergency calls, please use the following the **Police Department at 968-2151**, or the **Fire Department at 829-4480**.

Do Not Call the Police Department for Information Regarding Power Outages

During power outages, many residents improperly call the Police Department for information regarding the situation. The Police Department does not have information regarding why the outage has occurred nor when the power will be restored. Power outage calls should be directed to **ComEd at 1-800-334-7661**.

However, if you have an emergency that has resulted from a power outage, please call 9-1-1 immediately.

By learning the proper way to handle emergency situations, residents can better assist our Police and Fire Departments in times of need.

Citizens Police and Fire Academies Begin in March

Westmont residents have many opportunities to get involved with our Police and Fire Departments. Each department offers various citizen training programs so that residents can learn more about the emergency services of our community.

The adult Citizens Police Academy will begin on Wednesday, March 16. Weekly classes will continue through graduation on Saturday, May 21. All classes are held Wednesday evenings from 6:30-9 p.m. at the Police Station.

The Westmont Citizens Fire Academy will begin on March 2. The program introduces residents to the many duties and services that are provided by the Westmont Fire and EMS Department. The CFA is an excellent public relations tool for the Fire Department as residents learn about the responsibilities of the Department and gain an understanding of the work environment. The Citizens Fire Academy is open to all people who live and/or work in the Village of Westmont.

Both the Police and Fire Academy Programs have Alumni Associations. These groups consist of volunteers who have graduated from academy training and wish to continue their involvement with the Police and Fire Academy Programs, respectively. These Alumni Associations meet regularly, coordinate programs and fundraising drives for the benefit of the community, and provide valuable civilian assistance to our Police and Fire Departments. Please call for more information regarding the Police and Fire Academy programs:

Police Academy:

Deputy Chief Tom Mulhearn - 968-2151

Fire Academy:

Deputy Chief David Weiss - 829-4480



Taste of Westmont Celebrates 10th Anniversary

The Westmont Special Events Corporation (WSEC) is already in high gear planning this year's Taste of Westmont*. With 2005 being the Taste of Westmont's 10th Anniversary, this year's event promises to be better than ever. This year's Taste of Westmont will be held July 8-10.

"We have a lot of exciting acts," says WSEC Entertainment Chair Chris Gorman. "We're looking at revisiting the 60's on Friday night, on Saturday night we have a Blue Village theme, and we're keeping the blues alive on Sunday Night with a Muddy Waters Tribute Band and Grammy winner Tad Robinson."



Friday night will feature roots rock with the Neverly Brothers, and the headline acts will be international acclaimed Beatles tribute band American English. New Colony 6 and The Cryan Shames, bands that used to play at the Blue Village nightclub in downtown Westmont in the late 60's, will perform Saturday night. Sunday night will feature the music of Muddy Waters.

Muddy Waters and Blue Village Historical Exhibits to be Featured at the Taste

The WSEC is working with the Westmont Historical Society in creating two historical exhibits. One will feature the Blue Village rock & roll nightclub, and the other will pay tribute to longtime Westmont resident and blues legend Muddy Waters.

Residents who have pictures and/or stories of the Blue Village and/or Muddy Waters are encouraged to **contact WSEC President Larry McIntyre at 417-0280 or LMCINTYRE@westmont.il.gov**.

Events denoted by an asterisk (*) have received funding from the Village of Westmont Hotel/Motel Tax Grant Fund.

There's Always To Do In

Park District Offers Ice Skating at Ty Warner

The Westmont Park District has created a wonderful new winter recreation opportunity for residents. An outdoor ice skating rink has been created on the east parking lot of Ty Warner Park. A green flag waving in the parking lot signifies that the ice is safe for skating.

"Our Park Board Commissioners really wanted to try and provide ice skating for our residents, so the staff designed this plan and it has really worked well, weather permitting," says Ron Gunter, Park District Director.

For more information, contact the Park District at 963-5252. Following are designated ice rink hours:

Ice Hockey:

Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6 p.m. to close, and Saturday mornings 8 a.m. to Noon

Open Skate:

Sunday through Monday, except for times designated for ice hockey



ys Something Westmont

Fairy Tale Fun

SUNDAY, FEB. 27, 1-2 P.M.

Dorothy Attermeyer from Dorothy's Doll Demesne, 12 W. Naperville Road in Westmont, will bring a few of her beautifully costumed fairy tale and nursery rhyme dolls to the museum. She will give a little background on the doll and its artist. Guests are encouraged to bring their favorite fairy tale doll for a show and tell in what promises to be a delightful afternoon of fun and fancy. Each participant will receive a souvenir from the program. Register at the Westmont Park District. For further information contact the Park District at 963-5252.



TAKE
TIME
FOR
FUN!

A Reminder From the Chamber of Commerce Career Day Needs You!

Talking about your job for 7-10 minutes is something that most people should be able to do. Career Day at Westmont Junior High School, March 23, is seeking participants from a variety of careers to participate in panel discussion with speakers from similar careers.

The keynote address will be given by Doug Whitley, president and CEO of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce at 8:45 a.m. The Career Day program will be from 8 a.m. to noon.

For more information about Career Day and to learn about volunteering, call the Westmont Chamber of Commerce office at 960-5553.

Relay For Life Cancer Walk Kickoff Feb. 15

The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life will host a Kick Off Party on Tuesday, February 15 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Hickory Ridge Marriott Conference Center in Lisle. The Village of Westmont has participated in the Relay for Life event for the past several years.

The Kick Off is being held to recruit team members for this year's Relay for Life which will be held on June 17, 2005 at Downers Grove North High School. Appetizers will be served. The agenda will include the 2005 Relay, fundraising, team theme ideas, prizes and highlights of the 2004 Relay for Life. The 2004 Relay, made up of 103 teams, raised over \$260,000 which put the event over the \$1 million mark. This is an opportunity for the communities of Downers Grove, Westmont, Darien and Woodridge to come together to take up the fight against cancer. Walkers go around the clock in the battle against cancer during the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. This "celebration of life" brings numerous groups and individuals concerned about cancer together for a unified effort to fight back!

If you are interested in learning more about this event, please contact Kristin Dee at the American Cancer Society at 932-1141 or Kristin.Dee@cancer.org.

EIC Plans Environmental Speaker Schedule for 2005

The mission of the Westmont Environmental Improvement Commission is to discuss various concerns regarding the promotion of living an environmentally healthy lifestyle. Monthly EIC meetings at the Village Hall feature a variety of guest speakers who will address a wide range of environmental topics. Following are the topics for several upcoming meetings:

February 28

Westmont Public Works Director Steve May will address village code enforcement, energy efficient municipal lighting and an update regarding the Village's E85 fueled truck.

March 28

Guest speakers will present "Garden Extension & The Land Office" concerning gardening events and tips including concepts and benefits of natural landscaping.

April 28

Waste Management representative Matt Hernandez will present a Village services review. Also, **Clarke Wood from Clark Mosquito Control** will present the 2005 mosquito abatement plans and information regarding West Nile Virus.

May 23

Information regarding **environmental and energy-saving contractors and standards** will be presented. Also, the EIC will plan for a Village collection, **Household Hazardous Waste event**, and participation in the Taste of Westmont.

June 27

Information regarding **public and regional transportation options** will be presented. Also, insight will be offered regarding the **practical experience of owning a hybrid car**.

Environmental Scholarship-Internship Program Continues

Each year, the Westmont Environmental Improvement Commission awards up to \$2500 in scholarship money to Westmont residents who need funding for higher education. Last year, the EIC awarded this scholarship money through acceptance into and participation with a summer internship program. The program will continue in this manner for 2005.

Following are the requirements for applying and participating in the EIC scholarship/internship:

- **Must be a Village of Westmont resident.**
- **Must be attending a higher education or vocational instruction institution within the next year.**
- **Must fill out a formal application including the completion of an essay regarding the importance of an environmentally conscious lifestyle.**
- **Must be able to participate in the EIC summer internship.**
- **Scholarship/Internship finalists will be interviewed before a final selection is made.**

The EIC summer internship will consist of working directly with Village Staff for a total of 40 hours to be scheduled between the dates of June 1 and August 15. (The 40-hour time commitment schedule will be flexible so to not interfere with other employment opportunities.)

"We felt that last year's program was a big success," says Program Coordinator Larry McIntyre. "We hope to have even more students apply for the program this year. We feel that last year's recipients really enjoyed the program as well as earned money towards their education."

Up to two scholarships in the amount of \$1250 each may be awarded. An emphasis will be made to award scholarships to people who are pursuing environmental-related fields, have a desire to play an active role in educating the public regarding environmental concerns, and/or have the desire to participate in the summer internship program.

Scholarship-internship applications will be available soon. For further information, contact Internship Coordinator Larry McIntyre at 417-0280, or email at LMCINTYRE@westmont.il.gov.

**A MESSAGE FROM
VILLAGE ARBORIST JON YEATER**

Tree Care Tips: Salt Injury to Trees

Each winter, millions of tons of de-icing salt are applied to state and municipal roads to keep the roads safe for vehicles to travel. Salt is spread near houses to avoid pedestrian injuries. This is necessary for safety, but can cause widespread damage to trees.

Salt injures trees in two ways: through direct contact with aerial parts or by getting in the soil and injuring roots. Direct contact can burn tissues, cause disfigured or yellowed foliage, or even cause death of the whole tree. Less obvious, but much worse, is the toxic effect salt has on roots by killing entire root systems. At lower concentrations salt makes water unavailable to tree roots producing drought stress even in moist soil. Salt also damages the soil structure, causing “sodium compaction”. Roots need oxygen from soil pores, and healthy soil is naturally porous. Salt breaks the soil down, which closes pore spaces.

Salt damage may not become evident until late summer, when it often causes brown, scorched-looking leaf margins. Also, salt damage is cumulative. A few common salt intolerant tree species are: red and sugar maple, hackberry, black walnut, spruce, white pine, pin oak, and linden. Other species such as white ash, honeylocust, Kentucky coffeetree, white and English oak, baldcypress and hybrid elm are more salt tolerant.

The good news is that there are steps you can take to help prevent salt damage and keep your trees healthy:

- * **Use less salt by mixing it with sand or other material.**
- * **Construct barriers between the pavement and trees to deflect salt spray and runoff.**
- * **Try less toxic deicers like calcium magnesium acetate (CMA).**
- * **If the soil drains well, repeated drenching with water in the spring will help wash the salt out.**
- * **In areas where salt is unavoidable, plant only salt tolerant species.**

If you have any questions or comments about the previous article or have any topic suggestions or questions you would like answered in an upcoming edition of the Village Newsletter, please e-mail **ISA Certified Arborist Jonathan Yeater** at jyeater@westmont.il.gov.

Westmont Sees Dramatic Increase in Recycling

The Village of Westmont receives monthly and annual reports from Waste Management (WM), the company contracted with the Village for providing waste and recycling collection for the community. In recent years, there has been a dramatic upward swing in recycling participation. Westmont’s recycling rate for single family homes, including both recyclables and yard waste, rose from 39% in 2002 to 52% in 2003. The Village of Westmont has the highest recycling rate in the county. Statistics from 2004 will be available soon.

“We think this trend is partially in response to the Village’s initiatives regarding public awareness and increased participation from Westmont residents,” says Environmental Improvement Commission (EIC) Chair George Hamper. “Ultimately, I think the credit goes to the residents of Westmont. They’re the ones who actually did all of this recycling.”

The EIC wants to remind residents that recycling is important and effective in Westmont. While there is negative publicity in the media regarding recyclable materials being deposited in landfills, most of the stories are related to dense urban areas and not the Village of Westmont and DuPage County. The Village of Westmont regularly reviews our community recycling procedures to ensure that our ordinances are adhered to and that materials collected in our recycling program are properly recycled.

RESIDENTS REMINDED TO USE LIDS TO KEEP NEIGHBORHOODS FREE OF DEBRIS

The Village wants to remind residents that they are responsible for making sure that their trash and recycling containers have lids so that papers and other materials put out for collection do not blow away. Containers with lids work best. If you are using a WM recycling container without a lid, then please place a heavy object such as a rock or brick on top of the paper and other lightweight materials. Also, trash and recycling should not be placed out before 6 p.m. the night before pick up. The Village and your neighbors thank you for your consideration.

@ your library

VISIT THE LIBRARY

Visit your Westmont Public Library at 428 N. Cass Ave or our website at www.westmontlibrary.org for the latest news about library services and programs.

Coming this Spring! The BIG Read!

The Westmont Public Library is proud to be a part of The BIG Read, a cooperative project of the Clarendon Hills, Downers Grove, Hinsdale, Indian Prairie, Lisle, Thomas Ford, Westmont, and Woodridge public libraries that builds on the popular "one book, one community" idea to bridge 10 communities together through literature. Join us as we explore Erik Larson's "Devil in the White City", the spellbinding true story of two men, Daniel Burnham and serial killer Henry H. Holmes, whose fates were linked by the greatest fair in American history: the Chicago's World's Fair of 1893.

In addition to book discussions held at all the libraries, programs about the Daniel Burnham, H.H.Holmes, World's Fair, music, art and architecture will be held at the participating libraries.

A Visit with Erik Larson will be held May 5. For more details about the programs, discussion and grant, visit our website or thebigread.org.

The Big Read
10 Communities
1 Book



Literacy Tutoring

**MARCH 7, 9, 14,
& 21, 6-9 P.M.**

The DuPage Literacy Volunteers will present a Tutor Training course. Learn techniques for teaching other adults literacy skills.

Westmont Public Library

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Check Out The Westmont Library Website
www.westmontlibrary.org

HOURS

Monday - Thursday
10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Friday - Saturday
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday - Closed

School's Out Movies

If school is out, then the Library is showing movies. Movies start at 10:30 a.m!

Upcoming dates:
February 21, 25

March 4, 7, 25,
28, 29, 30, 31

April 1

Book Talkers Meet Every Third Thursday at 2 & 7 p.m.

Book Talkers is reforming at new times and with a new format. Each month we will look at a literary genre, sharing our favorites and learning about new titles. Two different times will be offered to reach more people.

February 17
Talkin' 'bout... Romance

March 17
True Crime and Crime Fiction

April 21
Poetry

POETS NEEDED -

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

Get Ready for Poetry Month

April is poetry month and the Westmont Library along with the Westmont Area Friends of the Arts and the Westmont Special Events Corporation is working on a couple of programs for the community. First, there will be a grade school poetry writing workshop at the Library on April 16, and later in the month on April 30, there will be an evening event for adults to come and share their work. If you would like to learn more about these events, please contact Larry McIntyre at 417-0280. More details coming soon!

Friends of the Westmont Public Library

Everyone is a friend of the Westmont Public Library. Why not formalize the relationship? If you value books and reading, then you are invited to participate in our projects and activities. As Friends, our purpose is to promote the use of the Library and its many facilities through donations and projects. For more information contact the library or visit the Friends page on our web site - westmontlibrary.org.

Annual Book Sale

FRIDAY, FEB. 18, 10-4 P.M.

SATURDAY, FEB. 19, 10-2 P.M.

Most books cost 25 cents to \$1; Rare books will be priced separately. The Friends' of the Library "Members Only Presale" will be Thursday, Feb. 17, 6 p.m.

Music @ your Library Presents Rubenstein's Chicago Hot Six

MARCH 12, 7-9 P.M.

Hot New Orleans Jazz in the tradition of George Lewis, Preservation Hall Jazz Band, and Louis Armstrong. "If you suspect some of the joy, excitement and just plain fun have gone out of jazz since it named the twenties, yet still want the emotional depth found in all great music, open your ears to Roy Rubenstein's Chicago Hot Six..." This event is a fundraiser sponsored by the Friends of the Westmont Public Library. A \$5 donation suggested.

Admission to all library programs is free, but space is limited. Register at (630) 969-5625, or e-mail us at westmontlibrary@westmontlibrary.org.

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"We had been monitoring weather reports for two days trying to get a good read on the upcoming snow storm," says Street Division Supervisor Don Thomas in regard to the weekend of Jan. 21. "We had prepared all our snow removal equipment, loaded our trucks and waited for the call."

Thomas continues, "At 7 p.m. (on Friday), the Police Department called and asked us to begin salting the streets." The Street Division called in one foreman, six drivers, and one mass Transit worker to begin deicing procedures. The weather reports were calling for six to 10 inches of snow for the remainder of that evening and into the afternoon Saturday. At that time, the Street Division notified the remaining employees of the need for them to come to work at 7 a.m. on Saturday morning. The first crew started salting the main streets throughout town. As the snow continued, plowing operations began and all streets were to receive attention. Plowing continued throughout the night.

At 7 a.m. on Saturday, there was a shift change and the new crew continued plowing all streets including cul-de-sacs. "As the day progressed," Thomas explains, "we started snow removal on the sidewalks along Cass Avenue and began plowing the alleyways. At 10 p.m., we switched shifts, and because of parked cars, snow thrown onto the streets, and the snow that had fallen during the morning, all streets had to be plowed once again."

At 7 a.m. on Sunday, the new shift made certain that all public parking lots were clean and went back over the sidewalks along both sides of Cass Avenue from Ogden Ave. to 67th Street. On both Sunday and Monday night, an eight person crew hauled away the snow from the Central Business District to provide a clear path for pedestrians.

The overall snowfall total was 10 to 12 inches. There was 514 work hours spent in performing the snow removal.



Westmont Village Calendar

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

Following is a schedule of upcoming Village of Westmont meetings and special events. A complete listing of all meetings and events for the entire year can be found in the 2005 Village Calendar and Information Directory, which can be picked up at the Westmont Village Hall, 31 W. Quincy Street.

					<i>Library Book Sale</i>	<i>Library Book Sale</i>
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	PRESIDENT'S DAY Village Offices Closed	Village Board Public Works Committee School Dist. 201	Chamber of Commerce	24	25	26
27	Environmental Improvement Commission			February		
March		Maercker Dist. 60 Policy & Planning	<i>Citizens Fire Academy begins</i> Economic Development Committee	Village Board Committee of the Whole		
		1	2	3	4	5
6	Village Board WSEC Board	School Dist. 201 Committee of the Whole Library Board	Planning & Zoning Commission	Park Board		<i>Friends of the Library present Music @ Your Library</i>
		8	9	10	11	12
13	14	Maercker Dist. 60 Fire/Police Commission	<i>Chamber Banquet/ Citizen of the Year</i> <i>Citizen's Police Academy Begins</i>	ST. PATRICK'S DAY Village Board-COTW Promote Westmont Commis-	17	18
15	16	15	16	17	18	19
<i>Spring begins</i>	Village Board Building/Zoning Committee	School Dist. 201	<i>Communications Commission's Candidates Forum</i>		GOOD FRIDAY Village Offices Closed	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
EASTER	Environmental Improvement Commission			Village Board Committee of the Whole		
27	28	29	30	31		

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